Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph to page 1 following the title "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DATA DUPLEXING IN STORAGE UNIT SYSTEM:"

This application is a continuation application of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/839,713, filed April 19, 2001, which in turn claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-316743, filed October 17, 2000, and are incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes.

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